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Pendency in High Courts

SI. No.	Name of States/UTs.	As on	Civil cases	Criminal cases	Total
1.	Allahabad	30.6.06	584499	207651	792150
2.	A.P.	31.12.05	141249	18570	159819
3.	Bombay	31.5.06	320840	37191	358031
4.	Calcutta	30.6.06	227485	37887	265372
5.	Delhi	30.5.06	95589	30923	126512
6.	Gujarat	31.12.05	100488	30897	131385
7.	Gauhati	30.6.06	52418	6900	59318
8.	H.P.	30.6.06	19034	5993	25027
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	31.12.05	39529	2444	41973
10.	Karnataka	31 12.05	73157	12754	85911
11.	Kerala	31.12.05	109316	24060	133376
12.	Madras	31.12.05	334383	29168	363551
13.	M.P.	31.12.05	130259	55759	186018
14.	Orissa	31.12.05	186113	17717	203830
15.	Patna	31.12.05	66549	25033	91582
16.	Punjab & Haryana	31.12.05	201151	42320	243471
17.	Rajasthan	31.12.05	158318	47867	206185
18.	Sikkim	30.6.06	47	11	58
19.	Uttaranchal	30.6.06	31518	7422	38940
20.	Chhattisgarh	31.12.05	49521	23382	72903
21.	Jharkhand	30.6.06	25665	18710	44375
	TOTAL:		2947128	682659	3629787

Amendments in election laws

1399. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various Government are seriously considering to amend the election law in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is expected to be brought in Parliament for consideration;

(c) the percentage of votes needed to win an election; and

(d) how the expenditure shall be borne by Union Government if the first winner gets one or two per cent less votes?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The subject of electoral reforms has been drawing the attention of the Government continuously. The process of reforms/changes of electoral laws and other related matters is a continuous and ongoing process and can be carried out only through consensus among the political parties. In July, 2004, the Election Commission of India forwarded to the Government a set of 22 proposals on electoral reforms. While these proposals were under examination of the Government, the Chairman, Rajya Sabha referred the subject of electoral reforms to the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice for examination and report. The matter is receiving the attention of the Committee.

(c) and (d) There is no provision in the election laws of the country either in respect of requirement of any minimum percentage of votes needed to win an election or in respect of any expenditure to be borne by the Union Government if the first winner gets one or two per cent less votes.

Pending civil cases

†1400. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 50 lakhs civil cases are pending in various courts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for pendency of so many cases;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.